THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir. Government are aware of the news item that Let Chief Hafiz Mohd. Saeed, before his release from detention in Pakistan, had sent a message to all terrorists in J&K exhorting them to step up terrorist attacks in the Valley.

(b) The Government remains committed in its resolve to wipe out military from Jammu and Kashmir and to usher peace and normalcy in the State.

(c) In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels, redeployment of troops at borders/LoC and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland the Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by-the pro-Pak* terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in Operation Group at various levels.

S.M. service to collecting information regarding stolen vehicles and passports

† 3252. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police has achieved a roaring success in collecting information with regard to theft of vehicles and passports, after initiating S.M. service;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to initiate this service in other parts of the country also; and

(c) if so, by when alongwith places where this service would be initiated and if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The S.M. Service enables the members of public to find out the current status of their stolen vehicles and issuance of passports. The service has evoked an encouraging response from the public.

(b) and (c) As "police" and "law and order" are State subjects, it is essentially for the State Governments concerned to take appropriate decision in the matter.

Paramilitary personnel joining militant organisations

3253. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases involving paramilitary personnel deserting their force and joining militants have come to notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected and involved persons arrested during the last one year; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In CRPF, Constable Mohd. Ashraf Shah while overstaying on his leave *w.e.f.* 26.10.2001, was arrested by Rastriya Rifles on 24.12.2001 with a wireless set, reportedly given to him by the militants. He was handed over to the Police on 28.12.2001. Two other CRPF Constables Azhar Hussain Khan and Khurshid Ganai, were dismissed from service *w.e.f. 2*.1.2002 for desertion of the Force. Subsequently, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai reported to have been killed in an encounter with the Security Forces and there are inputs that Azhar Hussain Khan has links with the militants.

Hike in the centre's contribution for modernisation of police in States

3254. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has hiked its contribution for police modernization in the States;

(b) if so, what was the amount of contribution of the Centre during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether States have utilized this amount; and